

Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Mars UP Church

Come Holy Spirit, Come

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the prayer cards available in the pew. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word are noted in bold type.

We Gather Before God

(*Please stand, if able)

Welcome and Mars Messages Prelude

The Advent Wreath Candle Lighting: PEACE

8:30am John & MaryEllen Grau

11:00am Nancy Huggins and Sunday School Class

Love's Pure Light

Chancel Choir

Responsive Litany-Hope for God's Presence

Speaker: In this season of Advent, we pray for God's peace.

Congregation: Christ is our light and source of our peace.

Speaker: We witness the hostility between nations and neighbors.

Congregation: Christ is our light and source of our peace.

Speaker: We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

Congregation: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Speaker: We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.

Congregation: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy
name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread;
and forgive us
our debts,
as we forgive
our debtors;
and lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us
from evil.
For Thine
is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever. Amen.

The Doxology

Praise God
from whom
all blessings flow;
praise Him
all creatures
here below;
praise Him above,
ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***Advent Prayer**

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we thank you for sending the Prince of Peace into a world filled with unrest and strife. We ask that you quiet our restless hearts and instill in each of us the calm assurance that tells us you are in control so we need not worry. Give us the tools we need to serve as you would have us serve, and make us willing instruments of your peace. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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***Corporate Prayer of Confession(Unison):**

Father God, all creation groans in expectation, longing for the redemption of your coming Reign. We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength, but too often take whichever path offers least resistance. We have not always loved our neighbors nor ourselves, but have lived and worked in ways that divide nation against nation, race against race. Our faith is half-hearted, too quick to give in to temptation, bound to sin and unable to save ourselves. Our worship is marked by selfishness, our witness clouded by fear. We turn away from the brightness of your glory. Ever-faithful, ever-gracious God, forgive our sins and write your Law in our hearts. As we look forward in hope to the Savior's promised coming, prepare our lives to receive him in joy and gratitude, that we may live with him in your love forever. Amen.

Silent, Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Grace and Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing of the Peace**

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Choral Anthem (11:00am)

Chancel Choir

"Do You Hear what I Hear?"

Moment with Children (11:00am)

*All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
"So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all the Lord has commanded you to say" (Acts 10:33b)*

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Church Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Scripture

Luke 3:1-6
Malachi 2:17-3:1-4

Message

Reverend Jim Steiner
“Sending the Messenger”

We Respond to God’s Word

***Affirmation of Faith (from The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.043):** It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the prophet, priest, and king; the head and Savior of his Church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world; unto whom he did, from all eternity, give a people to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. Amen

*** Responsorial Hymn** **278**
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer Offering

***Doxology**
***Prayer of Dedication**
***Offertory Response(11:00)**
***Chancel Choir**

“All Things Come of Thee”

We Are Sent Into the World

***Hymn of Commitment** **Insert**
“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

*** Benediction**
***Congregational Response** (Everyone sings)
“The Time has come....”

***Postlude**

CALENDAR: December 9th – December 16th

Church Office Hours: Monday -Thursday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Today, December 9, 2018

8:30 am THE EARLY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
 12:15 pm B & G Meeting
 12:15 pm CE/MO Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, December 10, 2018

6:30 p.m. Final Griefshare
 7:00 pm BoyScouts

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

9:00 a.m. A-Team
 7:00 p.m. AA

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

9:00 a.m. Material Girls
 7:00 pm Pastor Bible Study
 NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursday, December 13, 2018

9:30 am Pastor Bible Study
 6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting
 7:00pm Deacon Meeting
 7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Friday, December 14, 2018

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:30 a.m. THE EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE
 9:45 pm Sunday School for All ages
11:00 a.m. THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

VOLUNTEERS☺

GREETERS:

(E) Marie Matthews/Linda
 Moody

(D) Bonnie McElhinny

NURSERY THIS WEEK:

Jenny Ivory

NURSERY NEXT WEEK:

Missy Wells

JR CHURCH THIS WEEK:

MUP MUFFINS: Pam

Kennedy and Linda Lees

TARRY 'N TALK HOST:

CE/MO Committee

LAST SUNDAY'S

ATTENDANCE: 76

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

Operating Funds: \$7094.00

Mission: \$275.00

Van. \$20.00

Roof Campaign: \$100.00

Kindness: \$85.00

Staff Gift Donation: \$50.00

Total: \$7624.00

PRAYER – JOYS & CONCERNS

Lou Beckwith

Wanda Jones

Terry Moore (Sam's cousin)

Kennedy (Great Granddaughter of Marlene Edwards)

Reid Christopher Hall (June Stirling's nephew)

Paige Barbour (daughter of Andrew and Steph Barbour)

Maria Elizabeth McKaveney (June Stirling's niece)

Emma Libert (friend of the McElhinny's)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletins are printed Thursday mornings; let us know if you have an announcement...

DECEMBER 2nd SERMON Copies of Pastor Jim's sermon is available in the Tarry N Talk if you would like to take one home.

DECEMBER MUP NEWSLETTER Hard copies of the December newsletter are available in Tarry N Talk. If you would like to be added to the email or mailing list, please contact the office.

STEWARDSHIP, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE are sponsoring a small fundraiser for the roof campaign. Harvest Bounty Notecards are available in Tarry N Talk to purchase. There are 6 Blank cards for \$10.00 with scenes of our church Thanksgiving Altar. Please stop by Tarry N Talk and look over the display. If you would like to purchase a package, place \$10.00 in an envelope marked "Cards" and place in the offering plate or leave in Tarry N Talk.

REMEMBER! TODAY – DEACON KINDESS COLLECTION

* Deacons Kindness Offering (separate offering) is the second Sunday of the month.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS 2019 The new sign up list for 2019 is available in the Tarry 'n Talk. Please be sure to indicate (by circling the "S") if your flowers can be delivered to shut-ins.

TARRY 'N TALK REFRESHMENTS/MUFFINS 2019 Please be sure to stop and sign up if you are willing to provide refreshments on Sunday morning. You can use the church kitchen or your own, or even bought goodies are appreciated.

CHURCH ROOF

As you may be aware, the roof of the church will need to be replaced in the next three years. The cost is estimated to be \$70,000. Our goal is to raise this amount over the next three years. We need five members to lead this campaign for the next three years. If you would like to be on the committee, please contact the church office.